

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 13, the second paragraph was amended as follows:**

As shown in FIG. 4, the present invention also includes a contingency ballast method for ballasting a vessel during in-port de-ballast operations. The contingency ballast system enables a vessel to perform in-port de-ballast operations with seawater ballast when the wastewater ballast system is unable to de-ballast the vessel during such in-port ballast operations. For example, this embodiment of the invention enables a vessel to perform in-port de-ballast operations when the wastewater ballast system does not treat or decontaminate wastewater to predetermined threshold standards. In such circumstances, the treated wastewater ballast cannot be discharged directly into local or regional ~~wasters~~ waters during in-port ballast operations.